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Vicki Brooker photo

Taking the girls for a spin

The Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club's Intermediate boys hoisted four of the girls aloft for this spin which was part of their energetic and colourful Bukovyna Tanets at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Saturday as the club and the community celebrated Malanka 2015.

Water rates increased for 2015

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's 2015 water rates were at the top of town council's agenda at the first meeting of the year, as council studied the rates for water, sewer and garbage disposal charged by six other towns as well as 17 possible scenarios that would cover the cost of providing water to Elk Point homes and businesses.

"There are many different scenarios, but in the end, we have to come up with the money," Mayor Parrish Tung said.

The need for the increase comes from solving two problems that previously faced the community. Seasonal water pumping to fill the reservoir could not keep up with the needs of a growing community, and the town's water treatment plant would have required very costly upgrades to meet new quality and safety standards.

The regional pipeline from St. Paul, providing the town with treated water on a 24/7 basis, solved the needs for both water quantity and quality, but comes at a cost. Water is purchased from St. Paul at the cost of \$1.05 per cubic meter, the same price that is charged to St. Paul residents. The Elk Point/St. Paul Water Commission, which operates the pipeline, charges an additional 40 cents per cubic meter to pump the water to Elk Point, and in addition, the town of Elk Point incurs costs to distribute water and maintain the town's water and sewer lines.

The rates charged by the town in 2014 included a basic water rate of \$32, which included the first 14 cubic meters of water used per month, \$8 for basic sewer, \$15 for garbage disposal and \$3 for the garbage bin, for a total of \$58.

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Ukrainian Dance Club celebrates Malanka

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated the arrival of the new year with a feast of tradition on both the tables and the stage at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre on Saturday evening.

Everyone's favourite gypsy storyteller, Marushka, welcomed the crowd, saying that the chosen date was half way between Ukrainian New Year's, on Jan. 14, and Iordan, the Feast of Jordan, Jan. 19, the latter date commemorating the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

"We are so excited your are with us," Dance club president Melissa Rogal added. "There are so few opportunities for our dancers to show their talent, and they dance because they love it."

Dancer Abby Baker offered grace before long lines

formed to pile their plates with traditional favourites, from pyrohy to nalesnyky to an array of festive desserts, before settling down to enjoy the delightful entertainment provided by the five groups of dancers.

Senior dancers Morgan Baker, Kira Brunner, Macey Drobot, Bryce Osinchuk and Jaden Plaska were first on stage, sporting new green and white costumes of the Transcarpathian region of the western Ukraine as they performed the Tanets, a dance featuring quick rhythm and synchronized head and foot movements.

A former member of the adult dance group who is still enthusiastic about dancing and has passed on her love of the art to her children, Brianne Greening, came out of retirement to perform a Hutzul number, the Holobar.

The Intermediate group includes the largest number of dancers in the club, including Katelyn Boratyne, Paige Henderson, Sam Henderson, Mickal

Pilisko, Hank Rogal, Ty Smereka, Rhianna Bjorkman, Brooklyn Gochko, Mykaela Verenka, Sadie Baker and Charlie Rogal. They were next to take to the stage in their elaborately embroidered costumes as they spun and pranced through the rhythms of the Bukovyna Tanets.

Senior dancer Jaden Plaska was the evening's first soloist, showing his considerable talent as well as his enthusiasm and passion for dance in a Hutzul solo.

From one of the most experienced dancers in the club, the spotlight moved to the newest members, with the Beginners group including first-year members Hailey Danyluk and Jacob Petruk as well as Brenden Scott and Hailey Smereka, who performed the delightful Broom Dance, where the little ladies decided to share their daily duties by introducing the boys to the fine art of sweeping.

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Busy start to 2015 for CAPC member groups

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The New Year is off to a busy start for the groups that are part of the Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee.

Rural Crime Watch
January is so busy for

the members who regularly attend meetings of the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch that president Orest Sereda has decided to make the Rural Crime Watch Annual General Meeting on Feb. 19 in St. Paul the first meeting of 2015. He reported that the

November meeting had been held in Mallaig, and despite being well advertised and promoted, only one resident from that area attended, the rest coming from Elk Point.

Past president Levina Ewasiuk reported that a small core group of residents at Laurier Lake have made up a contact list and call each other to report any suspicious activity. "I would like to do something like that in my area," she said, "with friends and neighbours watching out for each other." She related a story the group had heard at the Mallaig meeting, where neighbours saw a truck

backed up to a house but thought nothing of it, later finding out that rather than someone making a delivery, thieves had been removing items from the home while the owners were away.

F. G. Miller
Brooke Krider and Megan Phillips gave a rundown on activities at F. G. Miller High School, ranging from a worthwhile fundraiser at the Craft Sale to a donation to Santas Anonymous and participation in the Candy Cane Checkstop before Christmas. Sherry Bower Gagne added information on upcoming events, with the school ready to "turn the town pink again" in February, with Random Acts of Kindness Week, Feb. 22 to 28 and Pink Day on Wednesday, Feb. 25. A new logo has been designed and the 2015 edition of pink T-shirts will soon be available through the school. "The Grand Old PUP," Bill Gordon will be coming to FGM on Pink Day to once again share the message about the power of kindness, and is donating his time to "the only organized P.U.P group ever," Bower Gagne said. She is challenging the community to do random

acts of kindness and then send stories to the school about what they have done. She also spoke about the program now underway to donate new or gently used jeans to teens in need.

Victim Services
Guy Genereux of St. Paul Victim Services said his branch is currently covering the Elk Point area, and that in 2014, Victim Services had the most referrals ever in the Elk Point area, a total of 134. Interviews have been done for a new coordinator, and a choice should be made soon.

RCMP
Cpl. Roy Auger reported that the Elk Point RCMP Detachment dealt with over 5,800 files in 2014, up from 4,500 the previous year, "which shows how our workload had increased." These figures include "almost a collision a day" in the detachment area, as well as a lot of persons and property crimes, which "don't seem to be going down. It's difficult for us to be everywhere at once." A total of 250 impaired drivers had been reported, with 232 of these verified, and Auger said, "We're trying to stop them with impromptu

checkstops as well as scheduled ones." He also reported numerous off-road vehicle collisions, with "a lot of injuries." Sessions to promote the safety aspect are "hard to arrange," he noted. Thefts and damage to property in the oil patch are still an issue, and with the slowdown in the oil industry, this "affects their ability to keep an eye on things, they need people in the surrounding area to help and to report suspicious people." Work on a new detachment headquarters is scheduled to start this year, Auger noted.

Seniors
Vandals damaged and attempted to break into the Seniors' Recreation Centre on New Year's Eve, Ewasiuk reported.

County
County of St. Paul Coun. Dwight Dach, who chaired the meeting, noted that it takes the county crews three to five days to clean the roads if there is a big snowfall.

Town
Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said everything is going ahead in town, with a lot of new housing starts. Town council is keeping a close eye on finances.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for Elk Point Golf & Country Club
Wed., January 21, 2015 at 7 p.m.
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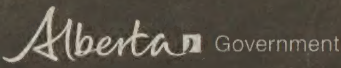
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Town council

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Water consumption over 14 cubic meters cost \$1.32 per additional cubic meter.

In recent years, the town has also increased the included volume during the summer to allow for watering of lawns and gardens, but the increase has now been discontinued due to the increased cost.

After studying all the alternatives, council voted to approve Scenario 11, which would increase the basic water rate by \$12 to \$44, and the basic sewer rate by \$3 to \$11, with garbage and garbage bin changes remaining the same, for a basic total of \$73, with the water rate over 14 cubic meters going to \$3 per cubic meter.

Council noted that two thirds of the town's water customers, who use 14 cubic meters of water per month or less, would see only the \$15 increase, which Coun. Lorne Young noted, "is bad enough, but manageable," while those using larger quantities will be impacted more.

Council agreed that one possible outcome of the increase could be that residents will become more aware of the amount of water they use, and will cut back on unnecessary usage.

Economic development revenue
Melanie Poulin, former chair of the Economic Development Advisory Board that was dissolved by a motion passed by council in October, contacted council to inquire what was being done with the funds in the EDC account. After receiving this year's business license application and noting that it still indicated that the license fees would go toward economic development, she also questioned where those funds would be used, now that the board was no longer in existence.

Two projects have earmarked for use of ED funds since the board's dis-

solution, including the purchase of the new energy-efficient Christmas lighting, and this coming spring's installation of planters and other downtown beautification, both of which council felt were in keeping with the principles of economic development.

Mayor Tung suggested that the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce may want to take over the role of initiating economic development projects, and could apply to the town for funding for them.

Chamber loan
Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has approached the town regarding the possibility of negotiating a long-term, prepaid lease with the town for the FCSS office, in order to pay off the remaining balance owing on the Visitor Information Eco Centre. Council agreed to meet with the chamber executive to discuss the matter further.

MSI
The town has received a substantial stack of applications for funding under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative grant, with council to make their decisions on approvals at the next meeting.

MuniCorr
Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich reported that North East MuniCorr has signed the contract for rebuilding the fire-damaged trestle near Cold Lake, at a total cost of approximately \$1.6 million. Most of the funding is in place at this point, including two years of CFEP funding and \$220,000 in trails funding from the federal government, he noted.

Evergreen
Coun. Yaremkevich also updated council on the Evergreen Regional Waste Management, which has received approval of a grant for a business plan. Evergreen's 2014 budget was "right on the money" with actual expenses, he noted, with the exception of the escalating cost of hauling leachate, with quantities higher than anticipated.

Survival challenge, chili cook-off confirmed for Canada Day

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With well over five months to go, Elk Point's Canada Day Committee is already crossing tasks off their to-do list, and confirming events to be held on Wednesday, July 1 as Canada celebrates 148 years of confederation.

The group meets each January to set out a basic outline for the day's activities, which is used to determine a budget that must be included in the application for the federal celebrations grant, which has a January 15 deadline.

The Friends of the Library answered an enthusiastic "Yes!" when asked if they would once again host the pancake breakfast, that group having very much enjoyed hosting last year's event.

The organizers of last year's Survival Challenge were also back on board, and ready to do it all again, spurred on by the excellent response to the newly formatted, family-style event.

Laverne Wilson assured the committee that he already has volunteers lined up for the children's activities, and added, "This year we're having a

wading pool," a decision he made after last year's crowd of youngsters promptly made use of a pool created by the downpour that shut down the afternoon activities for over half an hour.

Food is an important part of the celebration, and the committee agreed that with the increased popularity of food trucks, these vendors would be a welcome addition. The arena booth will also be available for a group, and there is also room for kiosks south of the Canada Day stage.

A suggestion of holding a chili cook-off competition was made last year, but not in time to get it off the ground. However, with more time for planning, it is going ahead in 2015, hopefully with the just-judged entries ready to serve up at suppertime. More details will be announced on the competition as they become available.

With those attractions already in place, the organizers are now ready to start booking everything from the parade band to the fireworks, with more 'to-dos' to be crossed off the list at the next meeting on Feb. 26.

County will assist Elk Point seniors with project

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

the project was carried.

Strategic plan

Council decided to delete a portion of its proposed strategic plan after some councillors expressed concern over the idea of exploring the possibility of obtaining a county-run septic truck was included.

Coun. Cliff Martin said he felt a county owned septic truck would be interfering with private enterprise. Coun. Glen Ockerman and Sloan agreed with Martin's concerns.

In response to Fodness' concerns about finding a way to recoup the costs associated with upgrading lagoons in the county, Sloan said he felt the simplest way to address the issue was to put a mill rate on it.

"Sometimes, when you're sitting in these chairs, there's hard decisions to make," said Sloan. If a mill rate is put on the lagoons, then everyone is taxed and everyone has access to the lagoons, he added.

Council approved its strategic plan, but deleted the portion regarding exploring possibilities of having a county-owned septic truck.

Salary negotiations

Following an In Camera session, council approved three motions regarding its salary negotiations.

The first motion approved the 2015 salary grid adjustments and changes in employee positions, as discussed as a previous negotiation meeting.

The second motion approved a two per cent cost of living adjustment for all county employees and council. And the third motion approved a 10.3 per cent increase (which includes the two per cent COLA) for its CAO position, effective Jan. 1.

Public Works

Council approved the purchase of a number of new trucks and equipment for its public works department.

Trucks, graders, half-ton trucks, and other items were included in the list that had a total cost of \$1.9 million.

Intern

The County of St. Paul will be part of a municipal intern project that will see a finance intern hosted by the county.

The municipality is one of five governments in the province that will host a finance intern. The program includes a grant for \$43,000 to cover salary and professional development.

Meals

Jan. 16 marked the first day the County of St. Paul FCSS Meal son Wheels program delivered meals to area residents.

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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs
Pharmacy Manager, Chris Letawsky

- St. John's wort is an herbal medication often suggested for mild depression. It's very important to remember that it does have an effect on brain chemicals. If your doctor prescribes a prescription antidepressant, be sure to discontinue the St. John's wort. The duplication could have serious side effects.
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EDITORIAL

Oil and water

The headlines from January 1985 indicate that the two top newsmakers at the time were oil and water.

At that time, oilpatch development was just getting established in the Elk Point area, with rural residents very much concerned about the impact it would have. They would no doubt have been much more concerned if they had known how that industry would grow from one small pilot project to well pads all over the area and how our local economy would come to depend on the revenue the industry provides.

Water issues were also a huge concern at that time, and it has taken three decades to finally obtain a permanent solution, but that has finally been achieved.

Will the next 30 years bring a way of smoothing out the ups and downs in oil prices? We can only hope so.

NATIONAL NON-SMOKING WEEK

AHS encourages tobacco-free environments

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Review Contributor

National Non-Smoking Week begins Jan. 18 and Alberta Health Services (AHS) is encouraging Albertans to keep their homes and vehicles smoke free.

Recognizing that the majority of Albertans do take action to prevent and reduce tobacco use, AHS' National Non-Smoking Week efforts – which feature Albertans making smoke-free choices – serve to further normalize the choice to be tobacco free, starting with smoke-free homes and vehicles.

Seven thousand chemicals, including 69 known to cause cancer, are contained in tobacco smoke. Environments that are not smoke free expose people to these chemicals via second-hand smoke. Infants and young children are particularly at risk from the toxins in this smoke because their bodies are developing.

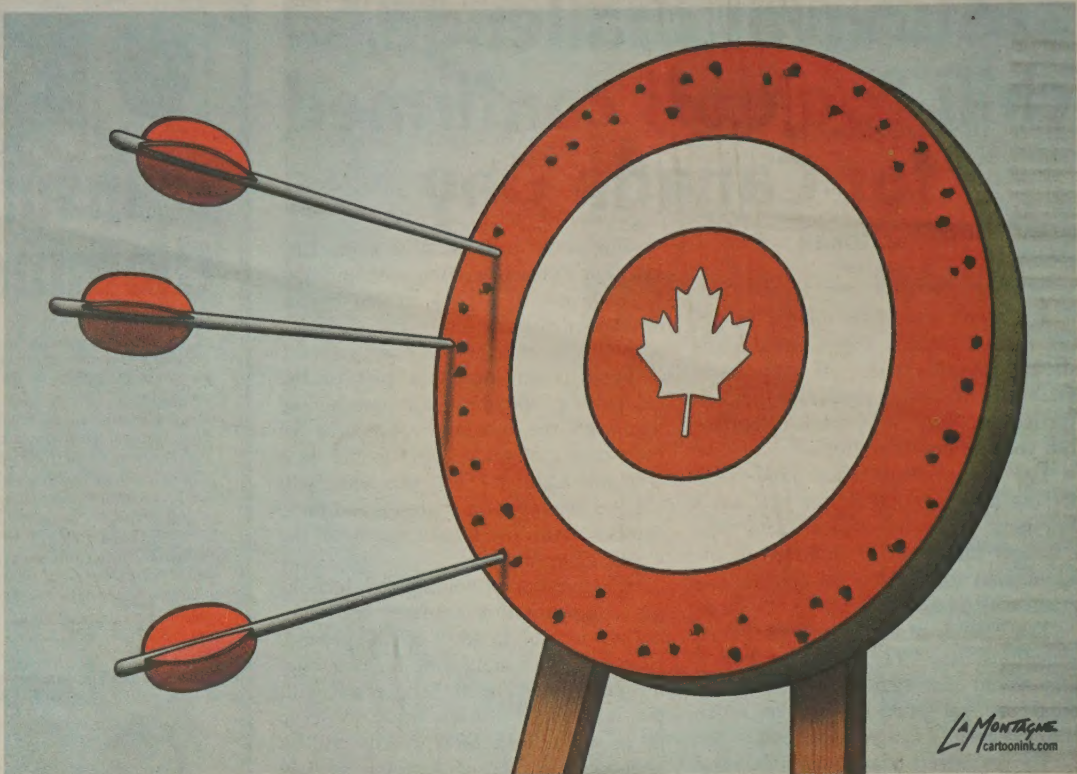
"While the majority of Albertans do choose smoke-free environments, unfortunately, the minority of Albertans who don't choose to keep their environment smoke free remain at very real risk of consequences," says Dr. Mayank Singal, North Zone Medical Officer of Health. "Second-hand smoke can cause serious respiratory infections, like bronchitis and pneumonia. It can also result in more frequent ear infections and increased respiratory symptoms like coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath, which can make asthma attacks more severe."

Infants and children are also very sensitive to third-hand smoke exposure, which builds up on surfaces in a home or vehicle, including furniture, clothing, drapes and carpets, where it can last for months.

"Infants and young children breathe near, crawl on, play on, touch, and even taste these surfaces, not knowing that they're contaminated with third-hand smoke," says Dr. Singal. "Opening windows may get rid of the smell but it won't remove the chemicals from the air or from surfaces."

In addition to the health risks associated with second- and third-hand smoke exposure, there is also potential concern related to the vapour from e-cigarettes. While more research is needed into the safety of e-cigarettes, some research has already found toxins contained in the vapour produced by some e-cigarettes. These toxins can increase the risks of inflammation and constriction in the lungs and airways.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Pilot project, 10-inch 'flurries', big trucks and magical goat

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 20 IN...

1985

Alberta Energy and Resources Conservation Board members joined Amoco Canada Petroleum personnel, concerned landowners, representatives of Elk Point Surface Rights Association, town and county councils, the Elk Point Community Impact Assessment Study Committee and Westmin Resources for a tour of the oil patch, taking a firsthand look at the proposed site of Amoco's pilot project. Town council studied three water supply upgrading proposals, ranging in cost to just over \$2 million as they prepared to address immediate and long term needs of the community.

1990

Building permits were few and far between in 1989, but development officer Pat Vincent had hopes for better things to come, noting that he had already issued permits for two new homes that month, double the new home statistics for the previous year. Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated the season with a huge potluck meal of traditional dishes followed by a performance of dances by all the members of the club.

1995

Heinsburg was surprised by forecasted "overnight snow flurries" that added up to 18 inches of the white stuff by 10:30 a.m. the next morning, closing the school, puzzling at least one teacher, who lived some distance away on the fringe of the storm and got minimal snowfall, and with lifelong resident Hazel Jenner saying this was the greatest amount in a single snowfall she had ever seen in the area. F. G. Miller

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

High School's Education Support Council studied a draft of roles and responsibilities proposed for that body, including planning, developing and delivering programs, budgeting and allocating resources, communications and community relations.

2000

Town council studied a draft of their updated traffic bylaw, which included parking for big trucks, truck routes and even the prohibition of hoofed animals traveling on sidewalks, but allowed bicycles to do so, provided they gave the right-of-way to pedestrians. Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee had eight individuals on the list of potential Citizens on Patrol, and were looking for another four or more before the Feb. 9 COPS organizational meeting.

2005

A magical goat, an indulgent Baba and Gido and three little devils applauded the Cossack dance of a delightful young demon in the conclusion of the Malanka story as the Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated another New Year with vim and vigor. Town council approved the terms of reference and constitution of the Elk Point Community Foundation, and appointed Coun. Thomas Kondla to represent council, Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich to represent the recreation committee and town manager Myron Goyan to represent town administration on the foundation board.

2010

Lac La Biche – St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk was named Minister of Infrastructure and said he was looking forward to the challenges of his new job, noting that infrastructure helps to keep people working and "support for infrastructure keeps the economy of the province going." Elk Point Community Advisory Policing Committee reviewed the town's new Public Harassment and Curfew Bylaw, which made it illegal to throw or project objects in a manner dangerous to the public, to participate in a physical confrontation in a public place or to harass any individual under the age of 18.

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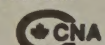
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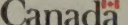
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St. Vladymir's congregation celebrates *Iordan*

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A huge cross, painstakingly hewn from Kehewin Lake ice, was erected by an ambitious group of volunteers in front of St. Vladymir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church late last week, and became the focal point of a very special event in the congregation's year on Sunday at the celebration of Iordan, the Feast of Jordan, which commemorates the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan by John the Baptist.

Father John Lipinski welcomed Archbishop Joseph, who came from Edmonton for the celebration, which also included the Blessing of the Water, an event that can take place only twice a year, on the eve of Epiphany or the day of Epiphany, which in the Orthodox Church is Jan. 19.

The service began with the reading of gospel verses telling the story of Christ's baptism, the heavens opening, a dove appearing to Him and a voice coming out of the heavens: "You are my beloved Son, in You I am well pleased."

"We have gathered for the great feast of Christ's Theophany," said Archbishop Joseph. "As we celebrate this holy event, I ask you to think about your own baptism." Promises made by godparents on a baby's behalf promise that the child will always renounce Satan and all his works and that the child will join itself to Jesus Christ, he noted. The prayer of Sanctification at a baptism "begins with the same words likened to Christ and His baptism."

The Archbishop told the congregation of a heart-wrenching encounter he had had earlier in the day with a man who felt he had been encompassed by the darkness of Satan, and how he had been able to help the man to know that even in the darkest moments of life, we are still loved by God. "Regardless who the players are, it is obvious that we need someone to assist in the battle being waged for our souls. We need Christ to shine through the darkness."

Baptism was a way to redeem sinners, but Christ was baptized even though he was completely without sin, he reminded his audience, leaving them with the question, "Why did Jesus take the actions of a common sinner?"

Following the Archbishop's message, he and Father Lipinski were joined by the bearers of the cross and banners and a group of children carrying candles as they led the congregation in a procession that made its way out of the church to gather in front of the ice cross for the Blessing of the Water. A special litany was used in the ceremony, asking for the grace of the Holy Spirit on the water in the large and ornate font and on those who would partake of it. The Archbishop dipped his cross into the water three times as part of the ceremony and later sprinkled the water on those grouped around the ice cross, a part of the ceremony that was later repeated in the church.

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Archbishop Joseph, Father John Lipinski, young candle bearers and adults carrying the cross and banners gather at the ice cross for the Blessing of the Water, above and left. Below, Archbishop Joseph dips the cross into the vessel three times, as he follows the traditional ceremony.

Vicki Brooker photos



Request for Tenders



The St. Paul & District Co-op is now accepting tenders for a 2006 Freightliner Tandem Axle Mercedes powered with Allison-automatic transmission fuel truck.

Tenders can be dropped off at the St. Paul Coop Petroleum Department in a sealed envelope or mailed to St. Paul & District Co-op, #3-5017 42nd Street, St. Paul Alberta T0A 3A2.

All envelopes must be marked "Fuel Truck Tender" Attn: Dwayne Odgaard and received by February 18th by Noon.

Lowest tender not necessarily accepted. For spec sheet visit our web page at www.stpaulcoop.ca or visit your St. Paul Co-op Petroleum Department for more details.



St. Paul & District

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL No. 19



HIGHLIGHTS

January 13, 2015

Council Meeting

Planning and Development – Bylaw No. 2014-40, which is an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw was defeated at second reading. Council felt that Item 7.1 (2) which states that “storage tanks over 230L for combustible/flammable liquids shall not be placed on lands within the Country Residential One (CR1) and Country Residential Two (CR2) or General Urban land use districts”, is too restricting where landowners may require storage for heating fuel. Council will revisit the amendment to the Land Use Bylaw.

The County has received complaints about the owner of Lot 49, Block 2, Plan 0827350 having three RVs on his property for more than 7 consecutive days, which is in contravention to the County’s Land Use Bylaw. The owner has now been given an extension to leave the third RV on his lot until the end of April, 2015 when it will be more feasible for him to remove it.

Bylaw No. 2015-01 Aggregate Levy Bylaw – Council gave first and second reading the Community Aggregate payment levy bylaw to impose a levy in respect of all sand and gravel businesses operating in our municipality. Aggregate resources are being transported and distributed outside of County boundaries thereby depleting the County’s aggregate resource. Council believes that it is necessary to dedicate specific financial resources to ensure that the County has capacity to acquire adequate resources in the future. The bylaw did not receive unanimous support to proceed to third reading, therefore Bylaw No. 2015-01 will be brought back to the February Council Meeting for consideration of third reading.

The Strategic Plan is a document that outlines Council’s direction for administration, moving the County of St. Paul forward to achieve the vision. The document provides quarterly updates on each action outlined in the document. The 4th quarter update to the 2014 Strategic Plan is now complete and can be viewed on the County’s website. The 2015 Strategic Plan has also been adopted by Council and is also on the County’s website.

2015 Salary Approval – County employees and Councillors will receive a 2% COLA adjustment. CAO Sheila Kitz will receive a 10.3% adjustment which includes the 2% COLA adjustment. Council approved this increase and other grid adjustments based on a salary survey of the surrounding municipalities. These changes are effective January 1, 2015.

Public Auction of Lands – will be held on May 12, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. At the Public Auction, Council will offer for sale any parcel of land on the tax arrears list, if the arrears are not paid. Council will also set a reserve bid for each parcel of land that is as close as reasonably possible to the market value of the property. The properties will be advertised in the local paper closer to the date of the Public Auction.

Ashmont Fire Department – Thank you to Wendell Baerg, for accepting the position of Deputy Fire Chief for the Ashmont Fire Department. Also, thank you to all the firemen and women who continue to volunteer their time to serve our communities.

Funding Support:

- \$50,000 – Mallaig & District Ag Society for Playground Equipment
- \$15,000 – Mallaig & District Ag Society for arena upgrades
- \$30,000 – St. Paul Education – Family School Liaison Worker Program
- \$400 – St. Paul & District Hospital Foundation Fundraiser
- \$3,084 – North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

We are requesting that when residents are clearing their driveway and push the snow across the road, that they do not leave ridges on the road as this is a safety issue.

Residents who require snow removal on their driveways can purchase flags from the County at the Administration Office, Public Works, or the Town of Elk Point Administration Office. Seniors can have their driveways plowed free of charge, however they must sign a Snow Plow Agreement and they require a flag which can be picked up from the County Administration Office or Public Works.

**For more information contact Sheila Kitz, CAO,
County of St. Paul at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.**

MLA weighs in on oil prices, potential sales tax

JON SVEC
Review Contributor

Due to a drastic drop in oil prices – which dipped below \$50 per barrel last week – many across the province are wondering if the “Alberta Advantage” will be able to weather the impending economical storm.

Premier Jim Prentice stated last week that he predicts a deficit of \$500 million this year. During a Jan. 13 speech to the Edmonton Economic Development Corporation Impact Luncheon, Prentice stated that “everything is on the table” when it comes to finding ways to offset this shortfall – opening the door to the idea of a provincial sales tax, among other potential solutions.

“This is going to be a very difficult and very challenging year,” Prentice said at the luncheon. “It is a time that’s going to require, on the part of all of us, caution, prudence and discipline.”

When asked about a sales tax, Premier Prentice said it’s an idea he is willing to discuss.

“I don’t think Albertans, generally, advocate a sales tax, but I am prepared to be educated, and to hear from people in terms of the discussion that we’re going to have,” he said. “We need to have a long-term fiscal plan to get out of the circumstance we’re in, and we have to be cognizant we don’t make mistakes and go too far too fast.”

According to Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills MLA Shayne Saskiw, this situation is something the government should have seen coming.

“It should come as no surprise to the government that the price of oil goes up and down,” Saskiw said in a Jan. 14 interview with the *St. Paul Journal*. “That’s why it’s unfortunate that over the past five years we’ve had record revenues in this province, yet not enough money was saved to dampen the impact during these tougher times.”

Saskiw has also been very vocal about the Wildrose Party’s aversion to introducing a provincial sales tax.

“You can’t tax your way out of low oil prices,” he said. “The last thing the economy needs during a slowdown is for the government to impose a tax. A sales tax is a tax on everything – a new car, groceries, diapers for a young family – this is the last thing that we need.”

Instead of imposing new taxes, Saskiw feels that Alberta’s Progressive Conservatives should instead look for other ways to cut spending, first by tak-

ing a look in the mirror.

“We have a very bloated bureaucracy, a very bloated government, and now it looks like Albertans are going to have to pay for that, unfortunately,” Saskiw said. “The premier said every single Albertan is going to suffer as a result of this slowdown. Well, not every Albertan – politicians aren’t. The first thing they should do is lead by example and repeal the seven per cent pay raise that the PC government gave themselves.”

Saskiw also feels that there are many other areas where the government could find money to help soften this economical blow.

“For example, do we need hundreds upon hundreds of executive vice presidents in Alberta Health Services, or should we put the money solely to the front line staff – the nurses, the doctors, the nursing aids – that actually provide the key services to Albertans?” he said.

Regardless of how the politicians decide to deal with this situation, the effects are sure to be felt by Albertans, one way or another.

Locally, the St. Paul and District Co-op – an institution engrained in the community with a finger on its economic pulse – is confident it will make it through to the other side of this potential crisis.

“We are no stranger to the challenges that the local economy may present to us,” said general manager Graham Getz. “Since we are 100 per cent local, we can adapt the road in front of us to accommodate the economic challenges or successes we are facing.”

Though the Co-op boasts both a gas bar and a cardlock, the fact that they also provide other products should help the business weather the storm, he said.

“We are a diverse organization that provides a wide blend of commodities,” Getz said. “We have always been successful by depending on certain commodities when others are being challenged.”

While the Co-op has always diversified, Saskiw feels that the provincial government has perhaps been too reliant on one specific sector.

“The time for diversifying, ideally, would have happened a long time ago,” he said. “Right now what we would like to see is for the government to look very closely at every program that is being initiated right now, and see if monies can be saved without affecting the services that are being provided to Albertans.”

County council

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RCMP report

RCMP Staff Sgt. Lee Brachmann took time to introduce himself to St. Paul County council during last week’s regular meeting and offered some statistics on the types of calls RCMP respond to within the county.

He said that for the months of October, November and December, statistics were fairly similar. For example, December only saw one assault, one break and enter, one mischief to property, two vehicle collisions with injuries, and

three with damages over \$2,000.

November had similar statistics, along with one reported arson that is still under investigation, and four collisions with property damage over \$2,000.

October numbers were again similar, with one reported sexual assault, one reported break and enter, one reported arson, one reported offensive weapons, and two disturbing the peace calls.

Brachmann agreed that the St. Paul detachment area is a busy one, and covers many different communities. He

asked council to provide the detachment with some key priorities it would like to see addressed in the future.

Coun. Frank Sloan said “policing in subdivisions,” was a priority for him. He also noted that policing around the lakes and addressing issues related to ATV use in those areas is important. Coun. Cliff Martin also noted his concern regarding large outdoors parties at Lac St. Cyr. The parties are organized through social media and have been known to attract huge crowds.

Back in AGR time box after World Juniors!

Only one word can describe my trip to Toronto and being at the World Junior final championship game when Canada defeated Russia. AWESOME!

But it's nice to be back in my little time box watching all my little friends perform and wondering "Will one of them play for our great county one day?" This is our game, kids!! And don't you ever forget it!



**doug
BASSETT**
Review Sports

The Novice Avalanche with a big win over Lloydminster here on Saturday morning. Little Kale Hoeving was really hustling to the puck, scoring the first one. "King Kong Konnor" Poitras with a hat trick, Seth Morton and Sam "Spiderman" Rogal with two each, the rushing defenseman "St. Nic" Penner going coast to coast jamming one in as well. A real fine effort by Kaleb Flamond who had a couple of real nice breakaways, he couldn't seem to buy a goal, but it wasn't for lack of effort. "Bo Diddle" Fontaine putting out on the defense as well, he was caught out of position a few times but did a great job of back checking and stopping a player before he could reach the Avalanche goalie "Kid Kade" Fontaine.

There was no contest for the Pee wee Avalanche who buried Glendon six feet under on Saturday here at home. Glendon unfortunately should have been sent down to tier three when the league redid the schedule in early December. I don't know what the league is thinking sometimes, it's no fun for anyone and it's not like we haven't been on the receiving end of things; we've had our share of lumps in the past too! A really nice defensive play by "Hammering Hank" Rogal, after getting tripped up

pinching at the red line, he made a second effort with his stick to sweep the puck away preventing a wide open break away. "Danny Boy" Cardinal, Dallas "Cowboy" Bristow, Matt Quinney, Brandon Goertzen and Brandon "Bart" James

are all showing noticeable signs of improvement in their play since the start of October. And a big happy 4-0 going out tomorrow to peewee coach Tyson Stafford.

Shut the door and throw away the key! A huge shut out for Vanden "Super Mario" Moroziuk on Sunday afternoon at home over Boyle. The Boyle goalie played a super game too; our guys had some real quality chances and could have won by 10 if not for him, the final 3 to 0 for the Avalanche. Luke "Skywalker" Poulin walked in down the right wing, sending a missile right under the goalie's armpit with only an inch between him and the post for the first goal in the first period, assist by "Bazooka Joe" Cardinal. The score remained one to nothing for most of the game until late in the third when "Skywalker," who has developed a wicked slap shot, fired another rocket. Jayden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion scoring the third one assisted by Josef "Red" Theriault.

A busy three-game weekend for the Bantam Avalanche, coming home with one win, one loss and one tie. Playing Friday night up in Cold Lake it was almost like a repeat of the world junior final. The Avalanche with a 5 to 1 lead early in the third period lost the momentum and would just barely squeak out a 6 to 5 win with a minute

left in the game. Two points is two points, it doesn't matter how ugly it is as long as you get them. The "Big O" Brody Odgaard with a hat trick, team captain "Warrior Warren" Ference with two goals and two assists, speed demon Chad "Pickpocket" Poitras splitting the defense buried one in the cage, he also added two assists, Bradley Canning and Cyle "Grinder" Graus with a helper each as well.

On Saturday night at home the Avalanche battled against the top team in the league from Lloydminster; they gave them a real honest workout and made them earn the win, not just mailing in the points. The Avalanche were tied three-all after the first 20 minutes, then maybe slacked off just a bit in the second, but they certainly outworked them in the third again, the Blazers goalie was the only thing that saved their bacon, the Avalanche losing this one 6 to 3. Nicholas "Sparky" Anderson dangling past the defense setting up Christian Castle-Wasson who was in the right spot at the right time and airmailed a one timer to the back of the net for the first one, the "Big O" scoring from the "Warrior" and "Sparky" for the second

goal; "Hot Wheels" Hayden Ludlage from the hard working, hustling Austin "Astro" Axley for the third goal. Goalie Spencer Hardcastle has really started to improve the technical part of his game, sliding post to post in a butterfly motion that resembles the way NHL goalies play today.

They say a tie is like kissing your sister, but I'd say not in this case. With the Avalanche down by two goals to start the third, coming back to make it a tie feels almost as good as a win against Irma at home on Sunday. At least they salvaged a point and didn't just throw in the towel. Two goals for the "Warrior," two goals for "Pick Pocket" including one short handed in the third to get the ball rolling again. And the two little amazing Energizer bunnies, "Astro" and "Sparky" proving small guys can play this game, with a goal and an assist each. Kaiden "K Rock" Evans Anderson and "Hot Wheels" also on the official score sheet with an assist each.

Now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week "There is no position in sport as noble as goaltending." Last week's answer to: "I don't like hockey. I'm just good at it." - Brett Hull.

Elks win in Wainwright

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Friday night's 5-1 loss to Hillmond Hitmen at the final home game of the regular schedule didn't dishearten the Elk Point Elks, who went on to score a 7-2 victory over Wainwright Rustlers the

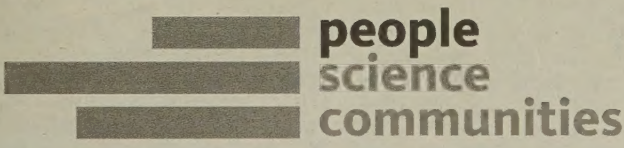
following evening.

Friday's game saw the Hitmen up by three unanswered goals after the first period, and adding two more in the second, despite a steady barrage of Elks shots on their goalie, who repelled all comers until 11 minutes into the final period, when Brett

Bacque scored the single Elks marker off assists by Derek West and Myles Whitford.

Saturday night saw a whole different scenario, with the Elks' first goal by Craig Dallaire hitting the mark right off the first face-off, assisted by Zach MacKinnon.

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Malanka

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Mykaela Verenka was the next soloist, capably performing the complicated steps from the northern region of Volyn in her Volynska Duvchina.

Ty Smereka was the final soloist of the evening, dancing with high spirits, expression and enthusiasm of that same region in his Volynski Hlopits.

The Senior group was back on stage for the lighthearted Polissian Tanets, a dance in which the girls get to boys to do their bidding, even if that means carrying one of the girls aloft.

Four colourful butterflies from the Junior I group – Amber Gilbert, birthday twins Anna and Charlotte Henderson and Shyanne Klatt – fluttered cheerfully around the stage until their freedom was threatened by Evett Smereka, wielding a butterfly net and surprised by their reluctance to be added to his collection in the Butterfly Dance.

The grace and charm of the Intermediate and Senior girls was beautifully demonstrated in the next

number, the Kalyna, as they swayed smoothly through the rhythmic steps with their armloads of branches from the Kalyna or high bush cranberry tree, which flourishes in both the Ukraine and the wilds of Canada.

The Intermediate and Senior boys picked up the pace several notches as these valiant young Kozaks returned from battle ready to celebrate by showing their prowess with feats of daring and dancing which won them medals at last year's competitions.

The final group to make their debut was the Junior II, made up of Shaylyn Klatt, Dae Smereka, Avery Smereka, Rylee Verenka, Chloe Bendixen and Calei Penner, whose sharply executed steps in the Huzulski Duvchata resembled the peaks of the Carpathian Mountains where the dance originated.

Following a longstanding tradition, the show drew to an exhilarating close with the national dance of the Ukraine, the colourful Hopak, performed with agility and enthusiasm by the Seniors.



The Beginners sweep their way into the hearts of the audience.



Senior and Intermediate Girls salute the beautiful Kalyna with style and grace.

Mykaela Verenka prances through her lighthearted solo.



The Junior I group, below, performs the Butterfly Dance, while Junior II, above, chose the Hutzulski Duvchata for their lively number.



Heart-stopping high leaps were part of the Senior group's Hopak/



Archbishop Joseph sprinkles the assembled crowd with the newly blessed holy water.

Jordan

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Father Lipinski explained that when Jesus entered the river for His baptism, the water became sanctified, as the water in the ceremony had been. He urged the congregation to "use the holy water to help us with our temptations, because Satan is tempting all of us," before they slowly formed a line, most of them carrying small jars to obtain a supply of the newly blessed water.

Father Lipinski extended special thanks to Bob Novosiwsky, Dr. Nestor Shapka, Steve and Marco Srdic and the other volunteers who, along with himself, took part in the building of the ice cross, the first ever for St. Vladymir's, and to the ladies of the church who prepared both the lunch for the workers and the dinner which they would all enjoy following this very special service



Archbishop Joseph and Father John Lipinski share the readings at the Blessing of the Water ceremony as the congregation clusters around them.

Winter activities keep 4-H members busy

DALLAS BRISTOW
Elk Point 4-H Beef Club

We have been very busy since our last meeting in November. We had some members go to NE 4-H Volleyball in Vermilion had a great time with other clubs from our region. We had Lynn Usenik from Farm Credit Canada presented a \$500.00 grant to be used for year plaques. We also had a fun toboggan party followed by a wiener roast at the hill. For members that could stay they built and decorated gingerbread houses lots of fun had by all. We all so wrapped Christmas presents and sorted food hampers for Santa anonymous. Our Clubs Public Speaking Event is on February 1, at 2 p.m. at the Elk Point Seniors' Center Everyone is welcome. As something different this year we are having a Spaghetti night so Look for info to follow. Last report I asked "What is the 4-H Motto": Answer is Learn to do by Doing. This month's question Is at what age can you join 4-H and become a member.



Volleyball in Vermilion



Snow much fun!



Winter wiener roast!

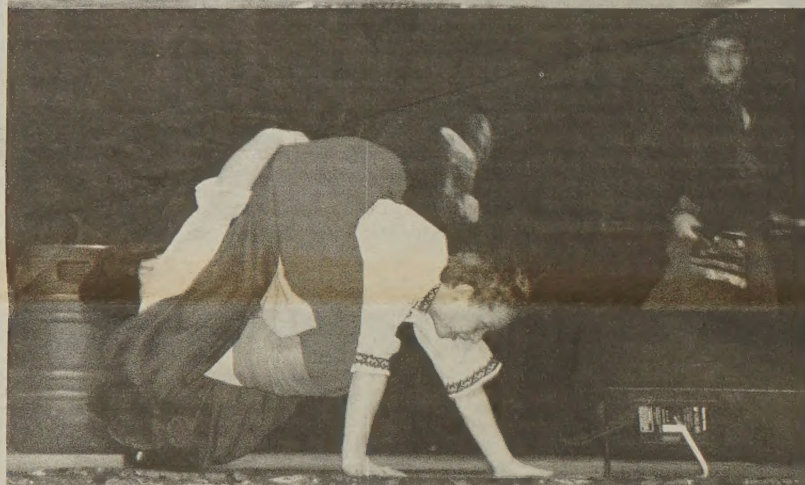


Gingerbread houses large and small were fun for all!



Lynn Usenik of Farm Credit Canada presented us with a \$500.00 grant to be used for the club's year plaques.

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Review Announcements

OBITUARY

HIPPISLEY, Bob



On January 11, 2015 Mr. Bob Hippisley of St. Paul, passed away at the age of 75 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Joyce; 2 sons, Rob Hippisley (Bonnie Brost) of St. Paul & Dave Hippisley (Tracey Walters) of Newfoundland; 2 grandchildren, Alysha & Jessica; 2 brothers & 3 sisters, Myrna Torris, Archie (Dawn) Hippisley, Theresa Hippisley, Susan (Dennis) Gogag & Charlie (Dana) Hippisley; numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Myra & Archibald Hippisley; sister, Peggy Watt.

A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, January 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Gardens Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Pastor Kelly Sibley officiated. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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More Malanka

Former dance club member Brianne Greening, above, does the Holobar; at left, the Senior dancers perform some very intricate manoeuvres in the Polissian Tanets, while below left, the Intermediate and Senior Boys do some unique moves in their Kozak number.

IN MEMORIAM

BERG, Leonard Sept. 28, 1917 - Jan. 23, 2002

*Thirteen years have passed
since that sad day.
When Leonard Berg
was called away.
Loved in life,
honored in death.
Treasured in memory,
one of the best.*

Truly missed by wife Norma, children Blaine, Harvey, Howard, Ingrid & Vali grandchildren, great-grandchildren sister: Vera Thir, numerous nieces and nephews.

OBITUARY

JASINSKY, Amelia



On January 10, 2015, Mrs. Amelia Jasinsky of Elk Point passed away at the age of 70 years.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Dennis; son, Denis Jasinsky of Banff; daughter, Jennifer (Ken) Rutherford of Lloydminster, SK; 6 grandchildren, Anna, K.C., Alexandria, Victoria, Joseph & Theo; siblings, Ollie (Jack) Woolard, Alice (Harry) Krawchuk, Victoria (Ernie) Cardinal, Florence (Dan) Senko & Al (Chris) Pankow; father-in-law, William Jasinsky; brother-in-law, Dwayne Jasinsky; sister-in-law, Linda (Bob) Morgan; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, John & Rose Pankow; nephew, Robert Krawchuk; & mother-in-law, Eva Jasinsky.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Elk Point Seniors Centre, Elk Point, with Pastor Kelly Sibley officiating. Inurnment in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Edmonton will follow at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30's (Cancer Support Society) or Elk Point Palliative Care c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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Elks hockey

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Andy Skoreyko added a second goal to the
Elks' side of the scoreboard some eight and a
half minutes later, with the help of Whitford,
while Bacque made it 3-0 unassisted, with just
over five minutes to go in the period.

Wainwright took their turn to score right
off the faceoff in the second period, with Mark
Brodin replying for the Elks in short order,
assisted by Whitford. The Elks would score
another two, MacKinnon unassisted in the first
and Whitford assisted by Skoreyko just over
half a minute later, before Wainwright scored
their second and final goal with 49 seconds left
on the clock.

Scott Ward made it 7-2 in the Elks favour
late in an otherwise scoreless third period,
assisted by Craig Dallaire and Conrad Pierce
to cement the win.

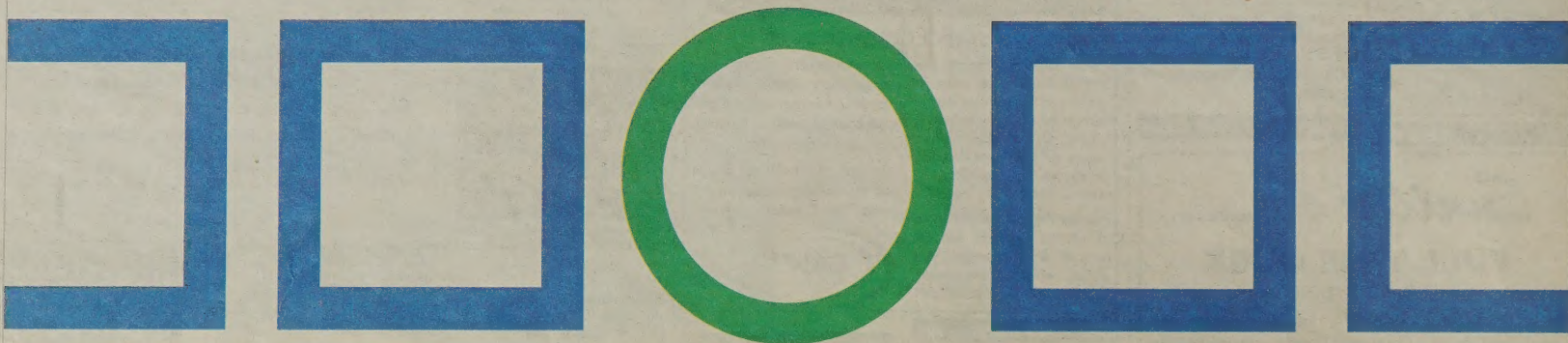
The Elks are currently sitting fourth in the
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and Hillmond with 26 points apiece and three
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Comets.

This Friday, the Elks will take on the
Comets in Marwayne, with their final game
of the regular schedule on Saturday, Jan. 31 in
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Non-Smoking Week

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